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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Following is a marked-up version of each amended paragraph of the subject patent application. The Examiner is requested to delete the indicated paragraph and replace it with the amended paragraph. The location for each of the deleted and replaced paragraphs is also indicated.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line ²⁸29, and ending on page 2, line 2, as follows:

Telephony switches, which transfer voice samples in the form of digital signals between the calling and the called party, are circuit-switched devices. That is, control information sent separately from the voice samples is required to set up the path from the source to the destination. Further, this circuit path ~~remain~~ remains uniquely dedicated to the call for the entire call duration.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line ¹3, and ending on page 8, line 21, as follows:

At a step 60, detection of a system fault initiates a swap of the active and standby switches. For example, the swapping process is initiated by a redundancy management processor (not shown) that monitors the hardware elements of the line cards 20, 22, 24 and 26, the switch fabrics 12 and 14, the interconnections between these components and the flow of traffic into and out of the switch fabrics 12 and 14. Whenever a failure or fault condition that may be alleviated by a switch fabric swap is detected, at a step 62 the redundancy management processor broadcasts the swap message to all the line cards 20, 22, 24 and 26 and to the switch fabrics 12 and 14. Although the broadcast message is sent to all line cards in the network, it is not necessarily received synchronously at each one. One example of a technique that can be employed to signal the line cards 20, 22, 24 and 26 that a switch-over is required, and is further described and claimed in the commonly-owned United States Patent Application entitled, "Method for Encoding/Decoding a Binary Signal State in a Fault Tolerant Environment," filed on December 21, 2001, _____ and assigned application serial number 10/026,353, which is hereby incorporated by reference. ~~(Attorney's docket number 124174).~~